

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) patient, comprising: administering to a subject having SARS or ARDS the patient an effective amount of an agent selected from the group consisting of: substance P, [Met-OH¹¹]-substance P, [Met-OMe¹¹]-substance P, [Nle¹¹]-substance P, [Pro⁹]-substance P, [Sar⁹]-substance P, [Tyr⁸]-substance P, Sar⁹, Met(O₂)¹¹-Substance P, and [p-Cl-Phe^{7,8}]-substance P, whereby a disease feature selected from the group consisting of: Clara cell necrosis, pulmonary alveolar macrophage number, neutrophil number, alveolar-capillary barrier membrane damage, and 6-keto-PGF_{1α} and PGE₂ concentration is altered decreased.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the subject has patient is a SARS patient.
3. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the subject has patient is an ARDS patient.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein Sar⁹, Met (O₂)¹¹-Substance P is administered.
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein Substance P is administered.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of administering is performed by inhalation of an aerosol.
7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of administering is performed by intravenous delivery.
8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of administering is performed by intramuscular delivery.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of administering is performed by sublingual delivery.

10.-16. (Cancelled)